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ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 12, 2001 the Applicant elects claims 1-13.

An examination of claims 1-13 in the present application is hereby requested.

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